

**SECRET**  
SECURITY INFORMATION

PROJECT STATUS REPORT					REPORTING PERIOD		
					<b>1 - 28 February 1954</b>		
1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED	
a. Program	b. Project			Target	Base	a. Program	b. Project
<b>GERBOWER</b>	<b>GERCHOOND</b>	<b>PE/A</b>		<b>Austria</b>	<b>Austria</b>		<b>7 Aug 53</b>
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER			ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER		
			<b>2703 J</b>	<b>3488</b>			
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> IF <input type="checkbox"/> PP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT							
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING							
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE	
U.S. - - - - -		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>				
FOREIGN NAT'L - - - - -		<b>54</b>					
TOTAL		<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	\$ <b>30,000.00</b>		\$ <b>16,659.51</b>	
11. Summary							
<p>(A) <u>Mission</u>: To develop and strengthen the Austrian paramilitary program along the following lines: to develop the existing and potential paramilitary assets of 1) a labor union having assets situated throughout Central and Eastern Austria, 2) detached indigenous groups in the Salzburg-Tirol areas, and 3) individual assets (indigenous) located throughout Austria; to select and cache-equip suitable operational bases from which these groups may operate during hostilities; to establish an Evasion and Escape line from Eastern to Western Austria with feeder links from the Czech and Hungarian borders and connecting links to the Swiss, Italian and German borders.</p> <p>(B) <u>Plan</u>: To spot and recruit sufficient personnel to build the nucleus and skeletal groups needed to achieve peacetime development of the objectives outlined in (A) Mission; to spot and earmark for emergency recruitment those remaining personnel needed to activate the paramilitary program at full strength in the event of hostilities.</p> <p>(C) <u>Summary</u>: In all phases of the paramilitary program, Principal Agents and Chief Organizers are continuing to spot and earmark numbers of suitable persons who are to form a pool from which assets will be drawn by emergency hot-war recruitment to assume the various paramilitary functions.</p> <p>(D) <u>Effectiveness</u>: No change.</p> <p>(E) <u>Methods and Standards</u>: No change.</p> <p>(F) <u>PP Assets</u>: Not applicable.</p>							

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